**Title: The Tale of Two Pharisees**

**Part 1: I Was Blind But Now I See**

**Summary:**  Jesus speaks to a blind Pharisee named Nicodemus. Nicodemus’ blindness is not physical but spiritual. Spiritual blindness unlike physical blindness is a disability that prevents the whole person from experiencing God’s Kingdom. Jesus presents the cure, that not only grants the ability to see but also enter God’s Kingdom, to all of us regardless of ethnic and cultural background.

1. Introduction (Why Born Again)
2. Overview
3. Context of John 3
4. Jesus is the Word, True Light, Messiah
5. Nicodemus is a Pharisee
6. Who is Nicodemus?
7. What is a Pharisee?
8. Nicodemus approaches Jesus as night
9. Why and What does the night represent?
10. True Light vs Darkness
11. Kingdom of God and Being Born Again
12. Nicodemus’ Blindness
13. Blindness due to religion
14. Blindness due to Ethnocentricity/Nationalism
15. Blindness is a spiritual condition of the Unregenerate
16. What is does it mean to be unregenerate (Jews and Gentiles)
17. What does it mean to be Born-Again (Ezekiel 36:25-27)
18. Cleansing from impurities and idols
19. Receiving of new heart (change in nature)
20. Gift of the Holy Spirit

**Part 2**

**Summary:**  This is part 2 of the Tale of Two Pharisees. Meet Saul of Tarsus. We know him as the Apostle Paul. He was the Pharisee that Jesus physically blinded in order to remove his spiritual blindness. Upon recovery of his sight, Paul not only sees the Messiah for Who He truly is, he also sees the Kingdom of God as both Jews and Gentiles united in the Messiah. Come see how the Apostle Paul teaches us how Jesus removes the hostility between Jews and Gentiles and therefore calls us to live as fellow citizens of the Kingdom.

Ephesians 2:11-22